

Remarks

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-4 and 66 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Richard, United States Publication Number 2004-0035590 (hereinafter "Richard"). The Examiner has rejected claims 1 and 66-70 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Longmore, United States Publication Number 2004-0040703 (hereinafter "Longmore"). The Examiner has objected to claims 5-19 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but has indicated that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The Examiner has allowed claims 51-65.

Claims 1, 3-4, 6-19 and 51-65 are currently pending, of which, claims 1 and 51 are in independent form. Favorable consideration of the present Response as currently constituted is respectfully requested.

Allowed Claims

The Examiner has allowed claims 51-65. Applicant acknowledges and appreciates the Examiner's allowance of claims 51-65.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner has objected to claims 5-19 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but has indicated that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant acknowledges and appreciates the Examiner's indication of the allowability of claims 5-19.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) by Richard

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-4 and 66 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Richard. Applicant has amended claim 1 to incorporate the subject matter of allowable claim 5 and intervening claim 2. Applicant has cancelled claim 66. Accordingly, Applicant believes the basis for rejecting claims under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) by Richard has been overcome.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) by Longmore

The Examiner has rejected claims 1 and 66-70 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Longmore. Applicant has amended claim 1 to incorporate the subject matter of allowable claim 5 and intervening claim 2. Applicant has cancelled claims 66-70. Accordingly, Applicant believes the basis for rejecting claims under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) by Longmore has been overcome.

Fee Statement

Compared to the initial filing, in the present Response, the number of independent claims has been reduced and the total number of claims has been reduced. Applicant believes no fees are due for the filing of this Response. If any additional fees are due or

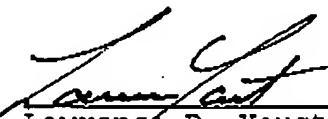
overpayment have been made, please charge or credit, our Deposit Account No. 03-1130.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, the Examiner is respectfully requested to examine and allow claims 1, 3-4, 6-19 and 51-65 presented for consideration herein. Accordingly, a favorable action in the form of an early notice of allowance is respectfully requested. The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned for any reason that would advance the instant application to issue.

Dated this 14th day of September, 2005.

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